

institution, for any injury done to the property or effects of the said institution, or for the breach of any contract made with the said directors in their official capacity, or on the official bonds of any officer who shall commit a breach thereof, and to prosecute said suits to judgment and execution; *Provided*, that the lien and preference incident to suits and claims of the state of Maryland, shall not be considered to attach to the claims and suits of the said penitentiary.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted*, That any money, bank notes, or chattel property, employed, used or attempted to be used, or introduced within or about the buildings, yards or enclosure of the said penitentiary, for the purpose of rescuing or procuring the release of any convict confined in the said penitentiary, shall be forfeited thereby to the use of the state, and the directors may and shall take possession thereof, and appropriate the same, by sale or otherwise, to the use of the penitentiary, and they may prosecute in the name of the state, any suit or suits that may be necessary for the recovery or forfeiture of such money, bank notes or property.

SEC. 24. *And be it enacted*, That no contract for the supply or victualling of the penitentiary, shall be made by the agents, unless they shall first have given one week's public notice in all the daily papers in the city of Baltimore, inviting proposals, and setting forth the quantity and quality of the provisions required, and the time within which all proposals for said supply shall be made, and they shall accept such proposals as may, in their opinion, under all circumstances, be most advantageous to the institution; and the party with whom any contract may be made, shall enter into bond, with security, approved by the agent, and not connected with the prison in any way whatever, in double the amount of the estimated contract, conditioned for the faithful performance thereof, and it shall be the duty of the said agents, to rescind any contract as soon as there shall be a failure to comply therewith, and the directors may direct a suit on said bond, for damages sustained by reason of the said non-compliance, as herein before mentioned in the twenty-first section of this act.

SEC. 25. *And be it enacted*, That the following rules and regulations shall be observed at the said penitentiary, and the same may be altered or modified, and new ones adopted, as provided in the first article thereof:

Article 1. *Directors*.—The directors shall hold regular stated meetings once in each month, or by adjournment from time to time, and shall also meet when occasion may require, the warden or two directors giving notice thereof; they shall keep minutes of their proceedings, and a majority shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; it shall be their duty

Proviso.

Whatever is employed to procure release of prisoner, forfeited.

Proposals for supplies. Contract.

Bond required.

On failure.

Rules.

Meetings of directors.